



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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INFORMATION UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiikum

Friday 28 October 2016

There are two important matters that I want to address with you this week – the Parents' Advisory Committee and the appointment of a permanent Executive Principal for Malek Fahd Islamic School.

Parents' Advisory Committee

The School Board needs the advice and support of parents. We want to ensure that the School meets the needs of students in a positive and harmonious learning environment. An effective way for the Board to receive this advice and support in a structured way will be through the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC). I recently advised you of meetings of parents to discuss the establishment of the PAC. Information provided at these meetings is on the School website. It explains the roles and responsibilities of the PAC and outlines the steps to create it. There also is a Nomination Form for any parent who is willing to be a member of the PAC. I ask every parent to look at this information and consider if you would be able to assist the Board as a PAC member. While it may not be possible to place every parent who applies, there will be a range of other opportunities for significant contributions to the future operation of our School.

The closing date for applications is next Monday (31 October). If you email Fatma Mehana (fmehana@mfis.nsw.edu.au) by 31 October to indicate that you have posted a Nomination Form, it will be included.

Executive Principal

The Board has begun the formal process to identify and appoint a permanent Executive Principal for Malek Fahd Islamic School. This is another important step in our journey to re-establishing MFIS as a truly independent, leading centre of Islamic excellence in education.

Advertisements will appear nationally in tomorrow's edition of *The Australian* newspaper and in a range of specialised online education publications over the coming weeks.

We have engaged a leading executive search firm, Derwent Executive, to independently manage this recruitment process in conjunction with the Board that we anticipate will be completed before the end of this school year. The Board encourages suitably-qualified people from a broad range of educational backgrounds to apply for the role, including anyone within our school community and our existing staff.

Mr Aiyub Ahmad will continue as Acting Executive Principal until the Board decides upon the successful candidate. Mr Ahmad has been doing an excellent job since he took on the role at the beginning of Ramadan and we thank him for his commitment to the school as well as support for the Board.

Our former acting Executive Principal, Mr Shamsher Ali, continues to serve Malek Fahd in his current role at Hoxton Park campus where he is managing an important project. Finally, there is no news yet on a decision from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, which heard our application for continued public funding. We will, of course, update you immediately of any developments.

All *Information Updates* are posted on the School website (click on the Board Updates button). If you have any questions of an operational nature, please contact the office of the acting Executive Principal. For matters that require the attention of the Board, please email board@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

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